

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 4 and 16 have been amended. Claims 7-9, 11-15, 17 and 23-31 have been cancelled. Claims 4-6, 10, 16, 18-22 and 32 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Satoh et al. (US 2003/0055686) (hereinafter "Satoh").

Claims 6 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Satoh in view of Wang (US 6,128,744) (hereinafter "Wang").

Claims 7-9, 11, 13-17 and 23-31 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Satoh.

Claims 4-10

Amended claim 4 recites: "...wherein the controller registers personal identification information stored in the smart card, compares the registered personal identification information to personal identification information stored in a storage unit, and provides a delete button in the OSD format for a user to select to delete personal identification information from the storage unit." Support for this amendment may be found in original claims 7-9 and paragraph [0039] of the specification. As noted in the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2006, and repeated by reference in subsequent Office Actions, the technical feature of claim 4 where the controller allows the user to delete the personal identification information in the storage unit because the registered personal identification and the personal identification information in the storage unit are substantially the same is not discussed in the relied upon prior art.

Claims 7-9 have been cancelled. Claims 5, 6 and 10 depend on claim 4 and are therefore believed to allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

Claims 11-15

Claims 11-15 have been cancelled.

Claims 16 and 17

Amended claim 16 recites: "...providing a delete button in the OSD format for a user to select to delete personal identification information from the storage unit." Support for this amendment may be found in original claim 17 and paragraph [0039] of the specification. As noted in the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2006, and repeated by reference in subsequent Office Actions, the technical feature of claim 16 of a method including the operation of allowing the information in the storage unit to be deleted if the information in the storage unit is substantially the same as the information stored in the smart card is not discussed in the relied upon prior art.

Claim 17 has been cancelled. Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

Claims 23-31

Claims 23-31 have been cancelled.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 18-22 and 32 have been allowed.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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